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Message from the Governor

After two years of cancelled luncheons or Zoom meetings, our first in person meeting, the Fall Compact Luncheon, will be held Saturday, November 20th at the Commonwealth Club in Richmond. I look forward to seeing many of our members there.

A word of caution. For many years our Fall luncheons have been held in the Commonwealth Room at the Commonwealth Club, but it has a capacity of about 125. As we have many new members and as we have not meet for some time, we may not be able to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend. Make your reservation as soon as possible.

At the meeting, there will be two important items of business. We will be electing and installing officers for the next three years and proposed changes to our Constitution and By-laws will be considered. Those changes are set out on pages 7-10, and they have been posted for some time on our website.

The Nominating Committee has proposed a slate of officers for your consideration. Its report appears on page 6, and we are fortunate to have a distinguished list of potential officers. In addition to the Committee's report, photographs and biographical information about the slate of nominees is posted on our website.

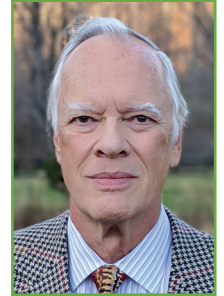
We will be holding a silent auction before the meeting (see page 6).

It is to raise money to support the Mildred Ramos Scholarship program.

Our Speaker will be John V. Quarstein, a distinguished historian who will speak about the role of Mayflower descendants in our Civil War.

The General Board of Assistants of the General Society met in Plymouth in September, and the Virginia Society was represented by Michael Winslow, a nominee for Assistant Historian, and Kaylin Haywood. I thank them for representing the Virginia Society, and you will find their report on the meeting in this Newsletter on page 4.

This message is my last to you as Governor. During my term I have had the guidance and support of many. In particular, former Governor General Mildred Ramos, who because of Covid had to curtail her activities and for the first time in decades missed a General Board of Assistants meeting, Barbara Carpenter, former Secretary General who acted as our Secretary and who alerted me to things that had to be done, and Jamie Callander, our Historian and Webmaster, who was always helpful and responsive. It has been an honor to serve you these last three years.



James Hallett Maloney

Our Compact Day

Fall Luncheon Meeting

will be held

Saturday, November 20

at

The Commonwealth Club
in Richmond Virginia

Address and Directions on page 11

No-Host Social 11:45 AM
Luncheon at 12:45 PM

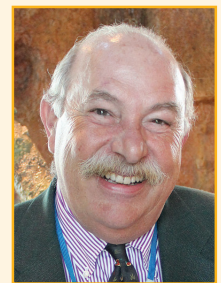
Luncheon Reservation Form

On Page 11

Check Must be Received
by Friday, November 12

John V. Quarstein

Author, Preservationist & Historian
The Herbert House P.O. Box 3226
Hampton, Virginia 23663



John V. Quarstein is an award winning historian, preservationist, and author. He is director emeritus of the USS MONITOR Center at The Mariners' Museum and Park in Newport News, Virginia. Quarstein previously served for 30 years as the director of the Virginia War Museum during which time he transformed Lee Hall Mansion and Endview Plantation in Newport News, Virginia into museums. The author of over 20 books, his title THE MONITOR BOYS: THE CREW OF THE UNION'S FIRST IRONCLAD won the 2012 Henry Adams Prize for excellence in historical literature. Quarstein has produced, narrated, and written six PBS documentaries, and is the recipient of the 1996 President's Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He lives in the National Register of Historic Places property, the 1757 Herbert House, located near Blackbeard's Point on Sunset Creek in Hampton, Virginia.

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Founded January 10, 1950

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Virginia Society of Mayflower Descendants

Minutes ~ Spring Meeting

May 15, 2021 Via Zoom

Governor James Maloney called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Elder *pro tem* Samuel Williams offered the Invocation.

Captain Channing Zucker led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Pilgrim Pledge.

The Governor welcomed those in attendance and the afternoon's speaker, presented the officers in attendance, and reported on a number of items of business. He and the Historian participated in a Zoom meeting with the Governor General and Historian General during which the General Society welcomed its 100,000th member, Virginia member Scott Watson, a Brewster descendant. The Virginia Society donated a brick in honor of Virginia's Historian, James Callender, for the new walkway honoring Society Historians at the Mayflower Society House in Plymouth. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws would be printed in the fall newsletter and voted on at the November Compact Day Luncheon. Virginia Society dues increased to \$50 to cover the increase in the General Society's per capita assessment, with the General Society's portion increasing from \$15 to \$35 and Virginia's portion decreasing from \$23 to \$15. The General Board of Assistants Special Meeting would take place September 8-11, in Plymouth, MA, and members were welcome to register to attend through the member's side of the GSMD website. Members were asked to contact him or the secretary if they planned to attend.

The Governor introduced Lisa Pennington, Counsellor General and guest speaker, who spoke on the "The Voyage that Made a Nation: the Story of the Mayflower 1620-2020."

On a motion by Brantley Knowles, seconded by Lee Woody, the minutes of the November 2019 meeting were approved as published in the spring 2020 newsletter.

Governor Maloney made announcements. The next meeting would be the Compact Day Luncheon to be held in person on November 20, 2021, at the Commonwealth Club in Richmond. The Board of Assistants elected Peter Broadbent as Counsellor and Deborah Misiag as Co-Historian to complete the 2018-2021 term. A nominating committee consisting of Lee Woody, Mark Cox, Martha Ellen Brockner, and James Callendar was appointed and would report at the November meeting. Members interested in serving as an officer or chairman were invited to contact the Governor. Officer reports were included in the newsletter, and due to the anticipated length of the meeting, were not included on the meeting's agenda.

Following the Benediction offered by Elder *pro tem* Samuel Williams, the meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Barbara Hensley Carpenter, Secretary

Membership Updates and Email Address –

please notify the Secretary at

secretary@virginiamayflower.org

We Welcome 4 New Junior Members to the Virginia Mayflower Society ~ Fall 2021

By Marsha H. Masone, Junior Membership Chair

Since the report in the Spring Newsletter 2021, we have welcomed 4 new Junior Members. There are currently 384 Junior Members in the Virginia Society.

Junior	Ancestor	Sponsor	Junior #
Bethany Suzanne Grinnell	Richard Warren	Matthew Stuart Grinnell	803
Caleb Michael Grinnell	Richard Warren	Matthew Stuart Grinnell	804
Rebecca Nancy Grinnell	Richard Warren	Matthew Stuart Grinnell	805
Lillian Catherine Maloney	John Howland	James Hallett Maloney	806

The General Society's 100,000th member, Our New Members & Honoring Our Historian

As the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims approached, The General Society struggled to keep up with membership applications from all over the country. Each successful new applicant is assigned a number based upon the order in which his application was approved. The Virginia Society's long serving Surgeon, Dr. Arthur G Gower, III, is our member with the earliest approval; he was the 23,062th applicant to be approved. One of our newest members shown in this Newsletter's Historian Report is number 100,552.

Earlier this year, as the number of approved applications moved close to six figures, it was decided to celebrate the 100,000th new member of the General Society. By the luck of the draw, that 100,000th member is one of our own. He is Scott Watson, a retiree from the US Army and a Brewster descendant. He lives in Virginia Beach. The fact that he is the 100,000th new member was announced in a Zoom call posted on the General Society's webpage. Those on the Zoom call were the Governor General, the Historian General, our Governor, James Maloney, and our Historian, Jamie Callender. Scott received a gift certificate to the Mayflower Store and tickets for two for a round trip to Plymouth. He is also featured in the Fall issue of "The Mayflower Quarterly."



Our Newsletter lists new members, and during the tenure of our Historian, Jamie Callender, he and his assistants, have assisted 305 new members achieve approval. Additionally during the same period they processed an additional 129 approved supplemental applications. Currently, 33 applications and 36 supplementals are pending in Plymouth.



After almost five years, Jamie Callender is stepping down as our Historian. The General Society created a Commemorative Historian Brick Walkway program for a new pathway to be laid along the garden side of the Genealogy Research Library to recognize and thank historians, past and present, for their significant service to our Society. In appreciation of his services to our Society, our Board purchased a brick for Jamie showing his name and his years as our historian.

Junior Membership

In the Virginia Mayflower Society is available to all those with proven lineages from birth to 18 years of age and membership as a Junior may continue up to the age of 25. After Junior Members turn 18, they may apply for regular membership in the Society.

To request junior membership for your children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren, please provide Marsha H. Masone with the following information:

1. Full name of Applicant
2. Date of birth
3. Place of birth
4. Mayflower Ancestor
5. Full names of parents
6. Contact information for parents, including address, email, and telephone number
7. Full name of Sponsor of the Applicant
8. Sponsor's Virginia and National Membership number
9. Sponsor's contact information, including address, email, and telephone number
10. Sponsor's relationship to the Applicant

The application fee is \$10 per applicant, so please include a check payable to the Virginia Mayflower Society, along with the information requested above.

When the process is complete, Marsha Masone will send the Junior Membership Certificate and other welcome material to the Junior Member at the address of the parents, unless otherwise instructed. Please contact Marsha if you have any questions.

Marsha Masone's address is:

13617 Bluestone Court
Clifton, VA 20124-2465

If you are a Junior Member who has reached your 18th birthday, consider becoming a full member by submitting an application. Please contact your Junior membership sponsor and Historian Jamie Callender for more information about the adult membership process.

Historian's Report

By Debbie Misiag, Co-Historian 19 September 2021

Since the last report on 7 March 2021, we have welcomed 28 new members and 29 supplemental applications have been approved. We had one member transfer out and one member transfer in.

There are currently 33 applications pending at Plymouth, 36 supplementals and we are working with 224 potential new members.

* = the number skipped due to a transfer into the VA Society

** = pending General Society numbers.



New Applicants	Passenger	VA	GS
Ronald Lee Adolphi	John Alden	1833	99691
Lorraine Nicole Stickley	Francis Cooke	1834	99692
Dianne M. L. Pons	William White	1835	99771
Mary Calvert	Richard Warren	1836	99845
Gary Richard Hammond	Edward Fuller	1837	99877
Cherie Michelle Poland	George Soule	1838	99878
Donna Emmett Hildebrand	Henry Samson	1839	99893
Robert Porter Jackson	John Alden	1840	99922
Pamela Jean Stickney Pettengell	Richard Warren	1841	99923
Scott Ryan Watson	William Brewster	1842	100000
Sarah Elizabeth Wilson	Edward Doty	1843	100016
Christopher John Wilson	Edward Doty	1844	100017
Randall Douglas Fisher	Stephen Hopkins	1845	100034
Carleigh Christine Fisher	Stephen Hopkins	1846	100035
Majorie Ann Smith Elliott	Stephen Hopkins	1847	100054
David Goldsmith Aldridge	Myles Standish	1848	100082
Donald Fullerton Emmett	Henry Samson	1849	100130
Gilbert Ashton Steppe	John Howland	1850	100161
Peter John Williamson	Mullins	1851	100247
Susan Lynn Olmstead-Wang	White	1852	100298
Joan Carol Schlegelmilch	Soule	1853	100299
Lyndon Halle Conrad	E Fuller	1854	100330
Shelby Deanne Jones Pollock	Howland	1855	100366
Anita Marie Manhart McConnell	Warren	1856	100497
Lester Raymond Stadig	Bradford	1858*	100521
Drusilla Burnham Vodra	Howland	1859	100522
Dean Wiliam Tallant	William Bradford	1860	**
Nicholas Steven Tallant	William Bradford	1861	**
Karen Ruth Fuller Williams	Stephen Hopkins	1862	**

Supplementals

Thomas Alfred Gibson	Richard Warren	1406	73276
Lyle Choate Brown	John Howland	1694	95322
Lyle Choate Brown	Elizabeth Tilley	1694	95322
Michael Stephen Yoemans	Thomas Rogers	1148	74969
Jeannette P. Twomey	John Alden	1511	88725
Jeannette P. Twomey	Priscilla Mullins	1511	88725
Jeannette P. Twomey	William Mullins	1511	88725
Roliff Purrington	John Alden	1517	88726
Roliff Purrington	Priscilla Mullins	1517	88726
Roliff Purrington	William Mullins	1517	88726
Elizabeth Jane Ernst	Richard Warren	1681	94790
Paige Bartholomew	George Soule	1731	96184
Deborah Lynn Misiag	Richard Warren	1723	95929
Deborah Lynn Misiag	Francis Cooke	1723	95929
Deborah Lynn Misiag	John Cooke	1723	95929
Donna Emmett Hildebrand	Myles Standish	1839	99893
Donna Emmett Hildebrand	William Mullins	1839	99893
Donna Emmett Hildebrand	Priscilla Mullins	1839	99893
Donna Emmett Hildebrand	John Alden	1839	99893
Lyle Choate Brown	Tilley	1694	95322
Lyle Choate Brown	Hurst	1694	95322
Donna Joy Weiler	Thomas Rogers	1784	98089
Ronald Lee Adolphi	Richard Warren	1833	99691
Ronald Lee Adolphi	William Mullins	1833	99691
Ronald Lee Adolphi	Priscilla Mullins	1833	99691
Brett Warren Osborn	William Mullins	1170	63140
Brett Warren Osborn	Priscilla Mullins	1170	63140
Barbara Jane Williams Watkins	Degory Priest	1576	91,551
Thomas Steven Inman	Stephen Hopkins	812	62347
John Clarke Bursley	Stephen Hopkins	1369	83016

Whence The Pilgrim Pledge?

One of my duties as the Society Captain is to place The Pilgrim Pledge at each place setting at our luncheons and to lead us in reciting it. With the supply of cards running low after our 2019 Compact luncheon, I needed to order a new supply. Before placing the order, I thought it would be good to confirm that we had the correct wording. What better way to do that than to contact our national headquarters in Plymouth. I called and posed my question to the lady I with whom spoke; what is the official version? She passed on my request to a staff member. I received a return call a few days later. I was told said is no official version. I asked her when it originated. She said they did not have that information.

On to the internet. I Googled it. Up came 15,200,000 results. After searching the first dozen most likely citations, I came upon on a 54-page Wyoming Mayflower Society handbook. There on page 6 was The Pilgrim Pledge followed by the name Maurice H. Thatcher. Might he be its author? I Googled him. He was a lawyer. He served as a U.S. Congressman from Kentucky for five terms. He had previously served as a Military Governor of the Panama Canal Zone. Following his years in Congress he practiced law in Washington, D.C. He passed away in 1973 at the age of 102.

Mr. Thatcher served as Governor of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the District of Columbia and later as Deputy Governor General and Counsellor of the General Society. Thereafter he was designated Honorary Counsellor General for Life. He also found time to organize the Elder William Brewster Society for which he served as president.

He was honored at a testimonial luncheon of the District of Columbia Society on June 11, 1955. Among the attendees were Senators and Congressmen. One of the latter had the luncheon program read into the Congressional Record. Here is an excerpt:

“The program began with an appropriate invocative service by Mrs. Fletcher Quillian, the Society’s elder. Then came the pledge

of allegiance to the flag, led by Clarence I. Peckham, captain of the Society. Next came the Pilgrim Pledge, composed by Governor Thatcher, as follows:

The Pilgrim Pledge

(By Maurice H. Thatcher)

In the name of God, Amen.

I pledge myself to help hold aloft the lamps of civil and religious liberty lighted by the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock; to recall and cherish the sacrifices and struggles made by them for the common good; to study their lives, deeds, faith, courage, and character, and to draw inspiration therefrom; to emulate their spirit; to be loyal to the flag and institutions of the country whose founding was so greatly aided by their work and wisdom; to do everything within my power to deserve and preserve the heritage; and in all things, and all ways, to profit by the Pilgrim example.”

In each of the Pledges I read in various publications, including the one in the Wyoming Society handbook, there were small differences. None matched Mr. Thatcher’s in the Congressional Record word-for-word. Now, the one you will recite at our luncheons does.

Our own Society was mentioned in this Congressional Record description of the testimonial. “Among the members and friends of the Thatchers in attendance were a number of members of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia, which was organized by him.” The date was January 10, 1950.

~ Channing M. Zucker
September 6, 2021

A New General Society Website & Highlights of the Recent General Board of Assistants Meeting in Plymouth

The General Society’s General Board of Assistants met September 10th in Plymouth. The Virginia Society was represented by Mike Winslow and Kaylin Haywood. They report that the highlights of the meeting were the following:

- The new, higher dues for members have been used to fund three major improvements:
 - ~ Better IT, specifically a complete overhaul and “re-platforming” of the Mayflower Society/GSMD website. The new website was launched September 20th! To see it go to <https://themayflowersociety.org/>.

- ~ Increase in staff to reduce administrative applications backlog and increase production.
- ~ Support to the Mayflower Society House; \$1.5M support this year.
- \$400K budget operating surplus this year; endowment remains strong, with \$16.2M in assets.
- National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse work remains ongoing, and on schedule; exterior work finished, interior underway. A recent \$1.7M recent endowment bequest from a member in Arizona will go a long way towards the needs of the Meetinghouse.

Report of the Nominating Committee

The report from our nominating committee follows. Biographies and photographs are available in the member's section of our website at <https://virginiamayflower.org/>

Members of the Nominating Committee present the following slate of nominees for election at the General Membership Meeting on November 20, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Past Governors: Mrs. Martha Ellen T. Brockner;
Mr. Mark T. Cox, IV; Mrs. Debra Lee Hardin Woody;
and Historian Mr. James T. Callender.

<i>Governor</i>	<i>Mrs. Debra Lee Hardin Woody</i>
<i>Deputy Governor</i>	<i>Mr. Merle C. Hazleton</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Mrs. Brantley Carter</i> <i>Bolling Knowles</i>
<i>Assistant Secretary</i>	<i>Mr. John Alden Copenhaver</i>
<i>Assistant Secretary</i>	<i>Mr. Gerald Sailors</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Mr. Sean M. Bamman</i>
<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>	<i>Mr. Timothy C. Finton</i>
<i>Assistant Treasurer</i>	<i>Mrs. Janita C. Sullivan</i>
<i>Co-Historian</i>	<i>Mrs. Debbie Misiag</i>
<i>Co-Historian</i>	<i>Dr. Deborah L. Shea</i>
<i>Assistant Historian</i>	<i>Mrs. Robin Comfort</i>
<i>Assistant Historian</i>	<i>Ms. Cynthia Edmunds</i>
<i>Assistant Historian</i>	<i>Mr. Michael Winslow</i>
<i>Assistant Historian</i>	<i>Mrs. Barbara Stone</i>
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Mrs. Nancy S. Barrow</i>
<i>Captain</i>	<i>Mr. Walter Samuel Williams</i>
<i>Librarian</i>	<i>Mrs. Cynthia Carlson</i>
<i>Counsellor</i>	<i>Mr. Peter E. Broadbent, Jr. Esq.</i>
<i>Surgeon</i>	<i>Dr. Arthur G. Gower, III</i>



Silent Auction Returns!

Submitted by the Mildred Ramos Scholarship Committee

The Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund Silent Auction will be held during the social hour before this year's November Compact Day Luncheon. You don't want to miss it! You could be the lucky member who goes home with an engraving done after drawings made by John White, one of the first Jamestown settlers or a Royal Mint Silver Anniversary Coin commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the Sailing of the Mayflower. Perhaps you will be seen leaving with a Cocktail Gift Basket from Roanoke's Crystal Spring Grocery or Martha Ellen Brockner's Gift Basket of Cheer. Maybe the Mayflower Coin Purse or the book, Samuel Eaton's Day, will be the perfect stocking stuffer for one of your children or grands. To see what is available please visit the Members Only section of our web site.

Minimum bids will be established for each item. The monies raised will be donated to the Mildred Ramos Scholarship Fund. Be sure to bring your check book and be generous. If you would like to donate an item to be included in the auction, please contact Lee Hardin Woody at lhwoody@yahoo.com.

Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws

November 2021

This is notice of **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS** to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Virginia as required by CONSTITUTION. AMENDMENTS. ARTICLE XII, and BY-LAWS. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS. Article VI. The following fourteen proposed amendments are to be presented for consideration and action during the Society's Compact Day Luncheon in Richmond, VA, November 20, 2021.

*Note: Deletions are in **bold** and insertions are underscored.*

1. Amend CONSTITUTION. Membership. Article III, Section 2, by inserting "or electronic" in the second sentence after the word "autograph."

Article III, Section 2 currently reads:

"Application for membership shall be made in writing and shall be accompanied by the entrance fees. The application shall bear the autograph signature of the candidate. The Historian shall report that lineage papers are correct and approved by the Historian General."

As amended, Article III, Section 2 will read:

"Application for membership shall be made in writing and shall be accompanied by the entrance fees. The application shall bear the autograph or electronic signature of the candidate. The Historian shall report that lineage papers are correct and approved by the Historian General."

Rationale: To align with General Society policy.

2. Amend CONSTITUTION, Articles III, Section 3 and Article IV, Section 1, by replacing the word "Historian" with "an Historian, or co-Historians who for purposes of the Constitution and Bylaws will be considered the Historian."

Article III, Section 3 currently reads:

"Every approval by the Historian shall be void unless the lineage papers shall be filed by the applicant, properly filled out, within nine months after the same shall have been sent him."

As amended, Article III, Section 3 will read:

"Every approval by an Historian, or co-Historians who for purposes of the Constitution and Bylaws will be considered the Historian, shall be void unless the lineage papers shall be filed by the applicant, properly filled out, within nine months after the same shall have been sent him."

Article IV, Section 1 currently reads:

"The officers of the Society shall be Governor, Deputy Governor, Secretary, one or more Assistant Secretaries, Treasurer, one or more Assistant Treasurers, Historian, one or more Assistant Historians, Elder, Captain, Librarian, Counsellor, and Surgeon."

As amended, Article IV, Section 1 will read:

"The officers of the Society shall be Governor, Deputy Governor, Secretary, one or more Assistant Secretaries, Treasurer, one or more Assistant Treasurers, an Historian, or co-Historians who for purposes of the Constitution and Bylaws will be considered the Historian, one or more Assistant Historians, Elder, Captain, Librarian, Counsellor, and Surgeon."

A conforming change will be made to Article II, Section 7 of the By-Laws.

Article II, Section 7 of the By-Laws currently reads:

"The Historian shall examine and report on all lineage papers of applicants, shall be custodian of all blank applications, shall maintain a record of approved lineage papers, both original and supplemental, and shall perform any other duties assigned by the Board of Assistants. The Historian, as Society genealogist, shall advise and assist prospective members in completing application requirements, shall examine and approve all membership applications, and shall submit said approved applications to the Historian General of the General Society for final approval."

As amended, Article II, Section 7 of the By-Laws will read:

"The Historian, or one of the co-Historians who for purpose of the Constitution and By-Laws will be considered the Historian, shall examine and report on all lineage papers of applicants, shall be custodian of all blank applications, shall maintain a record of approved lineage papers, both original and supplemental, and shall perform any other duties assigned by the Board of Assistants. The Historian, or one of the co-Historians who for purpose of the Constitution and By-Laws will be considered the Historian, as Society genealogist, shall advise and assist prospective members in completing application requirements, shall examine and approve all membership applications, and shall submit said approved applications to the Historian General of the General Society for final approval."

Rationale: To enable, but not require, the duties of Historian to be shared to reduce the burden on any one person. This change has been urged by our current Historian, James Callender.

3. Amend CONSTITUTION. Officers. Article IV. Section 5. in part, by striking "**Any member of the Society, including the Governor and the Deputy Governor, may be nominated for either of these positions on the General Board of Assistants**" and inserting in its place, "The Governor shall be the nominee for Assistant General, and the immediate past Governor (or any past Governor if the immediate past Governor is unwilling or unable to serve) shall be the nominee for Deputy Governor General."

Article IV. Section 5. currently reads:

"The Society shall nominate from its members a Deputy Governor General and an Assistant General, their names to be forwarded to the General Congress of the General Society,

as provided by Section 6 of Article V of the Constitution of the General Society. If elected, they shall represent the State Society on the General Board of Assistants. **Any member of the Society, including the Governor and the Deputy Governor, may be nominated for either of these positions on the General Board of Assistants.**”

As amended Article IV. Section 5. will read:

“The Society shall nominate from its members a Deputy Governor General and an Assistant General, their names to be forwarded to the General Congress of the General Society, as provided by Section 6 of Article V of the Constitution of the General Society. If elected, they shall represent the State Society on the General Board of Assistants. The Governor shall be the nominee for Assistant General, and the immediate past Governor (or any past Governor if the immediate past Governor is unwilling or unable to serve) shall be the nominee for Deputy Governor General.”

Rationale: To clarify long-standing practice and align with Policy 16.

4. Amend CONSTITUTION, Article V, Section 4 (b) by replacing the words “on or about the first Saturday in May” with “during May.”

Article V, Section 4 (b) currently reads:

“A Spring Meeting of the Society shall be held each year **on or about the first Saturday in** May at some place agreed upon by the Board of Assistants. The Spring meetings shall be scheduled across the state over the three-year term of a slate of elected officers in the following geographic distribution: one in Northern Virginia, one in the western part of the state, and one in the Tidewater and/or southern part of the state.”

As amended, Article V, Section 4 (b) will read:

“A Spring Meeting of the Society shall be held each year during May at some place agreed upon by the Board of Assistants. The Spring meetings shall be scheduled across the state over the three-year term of a slate of elected officers in the following geographic distribution: one in Northern Virginia, one in the western part of the state, and one in the Tidewater and/or southern part of the state.”

Rationale: To allow flexibility in scheduling the Spring luncheon.

5. Amend CONSTITUTION. Government. Article V. Section 4. (d) by amending and restating the section as follows:

Article V. Section 4. (d) currently reads: “Meetings of the Board of Assistants may be called by the Governor, and shall be called upon the written request of three of its members. Meetings shall be held at least twice in each year.”

As amended Article V. Section 4. (d) will read:

“Regular or special meetings of the Board of Assistants may be called by the Governor, and shall be called upon the written request of three of its members, with the time and place of the meeting to be specified in the call or request. Regular meetings shall be held at last twice in each year.”

Rationale: To provide for special meetings of the Board of Assistants.

6. Amend CONSTITUTION, Government, Article V. Section 4. (e) by amending it and restating it as follows:

Article V, Section 4. (e) currently reads:

“All meetings of the Board of Assistants and of the Society shall be conducted according to the Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised.”

As amended, Article V. Section 4. (e) will read:

“All meetings of the Society shall be conducted according to the latest edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, except to the extent to which they are inconsistent with the Constitution, By-Laws or Policies of the Society. All meetings of the Board of Assistants shall be conducted according to the latest edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, except to the extent to which they are inconsistent with the Constitution, By-Laws or Policies of the Society as applicable for small Board meetings.”

Rationale: To align with General Society policy.

7. Amend CONSTITUTION. Government. Article V. Section 4. (f) in part by striking “**in writing**” after “Ten days’ notice shall be sent” and inserting a new second sentence, “Notices of meetings of the Society shall be published in the *Virginia Mayflower* or by electronic communication.”

The last sentence in Subsection 4. (f) shall be amended by inserting “electronic communication” after the words “given by.”

Article V. Section 4. (f) currently reads:

“Ten days’ notice **in writing** shall be sent by the Secretary to the members of all meetings to be held. Notices of meetings of the Board of Assistants may be given by letter or telephone or as otherwise specified by the Board of Assistants.”

As amended Article V. Section 4. (f) will read:

“Ten days’ notice shall be sent by the Secretary to the members of all meetings of the members to be held. Notices of meetings of the Society shall be published in the *Virginia Mayflower* or by electronic communication. Notices of meetings of the Board of Assistants may be given by electronic communication, letter or telephone or as otherwise specified by the Board of Assistants.”

Rationale: To clarify long-standing practice.

8. Amend CONSTITUTION. Government. Article V. Section 4. by inserting a new section “h” and renumbering the remaining sections:

As amended, Article V. Section 4. (h) will read:

“The Board of Assistants may permit any or all of its members to participate in a regular or special meeting by, or conduct the meeting through the use of, any means of communication by which all members participating may simultaneously hear each other during the meeting. A member of the Board of Assistants participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting. The Board of Assistants may permit members’ meetings to be held in a similar manner when circumstances require this. Voting by the Board of Assistants or the Society’s members via e-mail or other

electronic means shall be permitted in accordance with the Society's Policies."

Rationale: To provide for electronic meetings and voting.

9. Amend CONSTITUTION. Amendments. Article XII. by inserting after "proposed amendments" in the second paragraph, "recommended by the Board of Assistants"

Article XII. second paragraph currently reads:

"Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Society membership thirty days prior to the next meeting of the Society. A two-thirds vote of those present and voting shall be required for adoption. "

As amended Article XII. second paragraph will read:

"Proposed amendments recommended by the Board of Assistants shall be submitted in writing to the Society membership thirty days prior to the next meeting of the Society. A two-thirds vote of those present and voting shall be required for adoption."

Rationale: To clarify long-standing practice.

10. Amend BY-LAWS. DUTIES OF OFFICERS. Article II. Section 3. by inserting at the end of the section: "The Secretary shall send the Society's annual report to the General Society by February 1 of each year."

Article II. Section 3. currently reads:

"The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings and proceedings of the Society and of the Board of Assistants; and shall keep a complete list of all members; notify members of their election; and shall send notices to all members of the Society and the Board of Assistants of all meetings to be held. The Secretary shall attend to such correspondence as may be necessary in the discharge of secretarial duties, or as requested by the Governor. The Secretary shall be keeper of the Seal and files of the Society, and shall provide any member who wishes to buy insignia, certificates, rosettes, or other emblems at the price established by the General Society. "

As amended Article II. Section 3. will read:

"The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings and proceedings of the Society and of the Board of Assistants; and shall keep a complete list of all members; notify members of their election; and shall send notices to all members of the Society and the Board of Assistants of all meetings to be held. The Secretary shall attend to such correspondence as may be necessary in the discharge of secretarial duties, or as requested by the Governor. The Secretary shall be keeper of the Seal and files of the Society, and shall provide any member who wishes to buy insignia, certificates, rosettes, or other emblems at the price established by the General Society. The Secretary shall send the Society's annual report to the General Society by February 1 of each year."

Rationale: To clarify current duties.

11. Amend BY-LAWS. DUTIES OF OFFICERS. Article II. Section 5. by inserting at the end of the section, "The Treasurer shall send the Society's annual dues and fees to the General Society by April 1 of each year. A budget shall be approved

annually by the Board of Assistants and administered by the Treasurer."

Article II. Section 5. currently reads:

"The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds belonging to the Society, keeping suitable books of account; shall charge, collect, and receive all fees, dues, and all other money payable to the Society; and make all necessary disbursements. The Treasurer shall invest, with the approval of the Finance Committee, all special funds of the Society. The Treasurer shall send each member notice of annual dues by November 10 of each preceding year, and a second notice may be sent by January 10. He or she shall render an itemized report of receipts and disbursements at all stated meetings of the Society, and to the Governor or the Board of Assistants at any time such report may be requested. The Treasurer shall, if the Board of Assistants requires it, furnish bond, not in excess of the estimated funds in his or her possession at any time, for the faithful handling of the funds, the premium of such bond to be paid from the funds of the Society."

As amended, Article II. Section 5. will read:

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Rationale: To clarify current duties.

12. Amend BY-LAWS. DUTIES OF OFFICERS. Article II. by inserting a new section 14:

"Section 14. Society Officers shall report on their activities at all Board of Assistants meetings."

Rationale: To clarify long-standing practice.

13. Amend BY-LAWS. DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF ASSISTANTS, Article III. by inserting after "for unexpired terms." a new sentence, "The Board may drop from the Roll any member one year in arrears in payment of dues."

Article III. currently reads:

"The Board of Assistants shall have general charge of the affairs of the Society. The Board shall meet at such times as it shall be called together by the Governor. The Board may fill all vacancies that may occur among the officers for unexpired

terms. The Board may drop from the Roll by a two-thirds vote any member who is prejudicial to the Society, provided such member is given ample opportunity to appear before the Board in his or her own defense.”

As amended Article III. will read:

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Rationale: To clarify duties of the Board of Assistants.

14. Amend BY-LAWS. COMMITTEES. Article IV. by inserting at the beginning of the section, “Chairmen and members of”, by inserting after the word “Webmaster”, “Committee appointments shall be reported to the Board of Assistants.”, and by inserting at the end of the section, “At the May meeting of the Board of Assistants in the year of an election, a Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Governor consisting of the past Governors willing to serve. The senior past Governor shall serve as chairman of the committee. Should fewer than three past Governors be willing or able to serve, the Governor shall appoint a member of the Board of Assistants to serve on the committee. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to recommend to the Society nominees for the offices of Governor, Deputy Governor, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Historian, Assistant Historian, Elder, Captain, Librarian, Counsellor, and Surgeon to serve for three years commencing at the close of the triennial Compact Day meeting.”

The Governor shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.”

Article IV. currently reads:

Section 1

“Standing committees shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

- a) Special Services and Hospitality
- b) Constitution & By-Laws
- c) Education
- d) Finance
- e) Junior Membership
- f) Newsletter Editor
- g) Publicity & Scrapbook
- h) Mildred Ramos Scholarship
- i) Webmaster

Section 2

The chairmen of standing committees shall be voting members of the Board of Assistants.

Section 3

Special committees may be appointed at the discretion of the Governor.

Section 4

Committees shall meet at the call of their Chairman, perform such duties as are given them by the Governor, and report through their Chairman at all stated meetings.

As amended, Article IV. will read:

Section 1

“Chairmen and members of Standing committees shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

- a) Special Services and Hospitality
- b) Constitution & By-Laws
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Section 6

The Governor shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Rationale: To clarify long-standing practice.

The Virginia Mayflower Society Luncheon Reservation Form

Saturday, November 20, 2021 at the Commonwealth Club, Richmond, Virginia
11:45 — No-Host Social 12:45 Noon — Luncheon

The Fall Luncheon will feature: a Mesclun Greens salad, Turkey, Dressing, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans; Rolls with Butter, Coffee, Iced Tea and Water and Pecan Pie topped with Vanilla Ice Cream.

Cost per person \$37.25

Children 12 and under; Child Size Portion of the main menu with a Chocolate Chip Cookie - \$20.00

MY ENCLOSED CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____ COVERS _____ LUNCHEON RESERVATION(S).

Make check payable to "Va. Mayflower Society"

My guest(s) will be:

(1) _____


(2) _____

(3) _____

Member's(s') name(s):

Telephone number: _____

Check if: New Member First time attending

(CLIP and MAIL)  Please clip and mail this Reservation Form with your check by Friday, November 12 to:

Mrs. Lee Hardin Woody, Past Governor

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From Washington, D.C. and Fredericksburg

- I-95 South to Exit 76-B, Belvidere. At traffic light turn left onto Leigh Street. At the next traffic light turn right onto Belvidere. Continue south on Belvidere, then turn left at the fifth traffic light onto Franklin Street. The Commonwealth Club is in the second block on your right. Turn right on Stuart Ave and proceed straight for 1 block. The entrance to the parking deck will be straight ahead.

From Harrisonburg, Waynesboro and Charlottesville

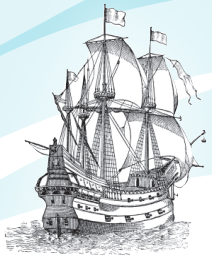
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From Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Newport News

- Take I-64 West to the Fifth Street Exit (stay in the center lane as you enter downtown Richmond). Proceed 8 blocks, then turn right onto Main Street (one way) and proceed west 9 blocks. Turn into the Commonwealth Club's parking lot (black iron fence with "Commonwealth Club" sign).

From Petersburg, Hopewell and Emporia

- Traveling north on I-95, take Exit 74-A as you cross the James River onto the 195 Downtown Expressway. Take the exit marked Belvidere (pay toll). At the first traffic light, turn right onto Belvidere and proceed north on Belvidere to the third traffic light. Turn right onto Franklin Street and go two blocks. The Commonwealth Club is on the right.



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